

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

CLERK'S OFFICE

NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING

DOCKET NO. 2013-47-W

Application of AAA Utilities, Inc. for Adjustment of Rates and Charges for Water Services

Docket Summary: AAA Utilities, Inc. ("Applicant" or "Company") has filed an Application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("the Commission") for adjustments of rates and charges and modifications to certain terms and conditions for the provision of water service. Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §58-5-240 and 10 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-712.4.A, the Applicant requests that the Commission approve the monthly water service charges set forth in the rate schedule in the Company's Application. Also, pursuant to 10 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-703, the Applicant proposes a modification to the terms and conditions for the provision of water service to provide a provision seeking a pass-through of the adjustment to customers in Lakeside Forest Subdivision.

As it relates to the Company's need and justification for rate relief, the Applicant states that the proposed rate increase is necessary in order that it may provide reasonable and adequate service to its customers, cover its expenses, be permitted an opportunity to earn a reasonable return on its investment, and attract capital for future improvements. Additionally, the Application states the proposed rates are necessary in order that the Applicant may comply with the standards and regulations set by the Department of Health and Environmental Control and other regulatory authorities. Also, the Applicant asserts that the proposed rates will provide the Company with a reasonable operating margin of 8.12% and preserve the financial integrity of the Company while promoting continued investment in and maintenance of its facilities.

THE PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE RATES AND CHARGES ARE SET FORTH BELOW

(The complete rate schedule is available from the Company at the address below and on the Commission's website at www.psc.sc.gov.)

	WATER RATES	
	CURRENT	PROPOSED
Monthly Recurring Charges		
Unmetered Water:		
Perry Subdivision		\$25.00 per month
Landpoint Subdivision		\$25.00 per month
Love Valley		\$25.00 per month
Base Charge	\$7.50 per month	\$11.00 per month (metered water)
Commodity Charge	\$2.40 per 1,000 gallons	\$3.50 per 1,000 gallons (metered water)
Flat Rate (LandPoint) (until meters are installed)	\$15.00 per month	
Non-Recurring Charges		
Tap Fee	\$500.00 per unit	\$500.00
Cut-On Fee	\$20.00 per unit per event	
Account Set Up Charge		\$25.00 per unit per event
Reconnect Fee	\$75.00	\$75.00

Direct correspondence to: Public Service Commission of South Carolina
Attention: Clerk's Office
Post Office Drawer 11649
Columbia, SC 29211

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Late Payment Charges (current language)

Any balance unpaid within twenty-five (25) days of the billing date will be assessed a late payment charge of one and one-half per cent (1½%) for each month, or any part of a month, such balance remains outstanding.

Late Penalty Charge (proposed language)

AAA may charge a late payment penalty up to the maximum amount allowed by applicable South Carolina statute and/or Public Service Commission Rule.

NSF Charge

AAA may charge an NSF check charge up to the maximum amount allowed by applicable South Carolina Statute and/or Public Service Commission Rule.

Purchased Water Adjustment

AAA purchases potable water from Batesburg-Leesville Water to serve the Lakeside Forest Subdivision. In the event Batesburg-Leesville Water adjusts the unit price per 1,000 gallons, AAA seeks a pass-through of the adjustment to customers in Lakeside Forest Subdivision subject to the Commission approved notification process.

A copy of the company's application can be found on the Commission's website at www.psc.sc.gov under Docket No. 2013-47-W. Additionally, a copy of the application is available from the company's counsel Scott Elliott, Esquire, Elliott & Elliott, P.A., 1508 Lady Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a hearing on the above matter has been scheduled to begin on **Tuesday, February 25, 2014, at 10:00 a.m.**, before the Commission in the Commission's Hearing Room at 101 Executive Center Drive, Saluda Building, Columbia, South Carolina 29210 for the purpose of receiving testimony and evidence from all interested parties. The hearing may continue through February 26, 2014, if necessary.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter as a party of record should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before **December 13, 2013**. For the receipt of future Commission correspondence, please include an email address in the Petition to Intervene. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2013-47-W and mail a copy to all other parties in this docket.*** Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing should notify, in writing, the Commission; the Office of Regulatory Staff at 1401 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, South Carolina 29201; and the company at the above address, on or before **December 13, 2013**. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2013-47-W.***

Any person who wishes to request that the Commission hold a public hearing in his or her county of residence in order to hear comments from the utility's customers, should notify, in writing, the Commission; the Office of Regulatory Staff at 1401 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, South Carolina 29201; and the company at the above address, on or before **December 13, 2013**. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2013-47-W.***

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For the most recent information regarding this docket, please refer to www.psc.sc.gov and *Docket No. 2013-47-W*.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding **MUST** present such comments in person to the Commission during the hearing.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's procedures should contact the Commission at (803) 896-5100 or visit its website at www.psc.sc.gov.

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